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my neighborhood and went into the C.P.L. John was hard at work in the Board room on the second floor. He had made two extraordinary finds -- two separate "articles" on the gravity railroad. I was delighted to learn the specific date (month & day) in 1877 that passenger service was instituted between Carbondale and Hopedale, and John was delighted to tell me all about it. We had a grand time. He and I worry about the Gravity Railroad.

Donald, Shie and I worry about the Clinton Church. Charlotte Moss and I worry about Carbondale. After John and I photocopied the two dazzling new finds that John made, we re-bagged the old newspapers in the Board room. Fresh plastic bags on each bundle of those precious documents, most of which were lovingly collected by Dilton Yarrington. How our knowledge of Carbondale history has been enriched by Dilton Yarrington! If he hadn't collected the newspapers that he did, we would have very little to go on for recorded history of the City. Hail to thee, Dilton Yarrington! More-bagging took well over an hour. When that was finished, John and I came over here and washed off the grime. Sue Stephen called to remind me of the Council meeting. I asked John if he wanted to attend. He said yes, but his heart was not in it. After the meeting was over, Councilman Calzola and John and I had a chat about the Civil War. Calzola is very interested in the Civil War and told me he enjoyed the Estabrook article. I suggested to him that we form a Civil War group here in town. I bought two heroes at the new place next to the Columbia Horse Company: Italian for John; sausage and pepper for me. We brought them back here and dined on the dining table on the east side of my front room. After we had finished eating, I said to John: "Why don't we see what we can get down on paper about your grandfather?" I then moved to my usual writing table (on west wall of front room) and took out my Dupont pen and several sheets of their lovely bond paper, and began by asking John what his grandfather's middle name was. And off we went. Et tout le reste est littérature. Why did I say earlier that June 20